



Lochranza Field Centre Site Specific Risk Assessment: Bushcraft

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Where Hazards have been identified as Generic to all activities the controls are specified within the Generic Instructing Standards

Where Hazards have been identified as generic to all Lochranza offsite activities the controls are specified within the Generic Lochranza Local Operating Area Risk Assessment

Where Hazards have been identified as Generic to all Land activities the controls are specified within the Generic Land Risk

| Hazards (please specify) | Existing Control Measures (please specify if present) | Residual Risk Level (Insert values and multiple score : see key) | | |
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| | | Low | Med | High |
| Knives and Axes. Injury caused by sharp cutting implements. | Participants and Instructors may use knives and axes; their potential use will be discussed with the responsible adult prior to the session. Clear Instruction of knife and axe usage to be demonstrated prior to guests handling knives and axes. Guest maturity is to be judged by Instructor if in doubt knives are not to be used. Knives are sheathed when not being used. Knives, axes to be kept sharp. | | 4x2 = 8 | |
| Activity area | Activity area is to be thoroughly checked prior to use. Instructor is to brief the group on any hazards in the activity area, rolling risk assessment to be implemented throughout. All equipment to be cleared away at end of session. | 3x1=3 | | |
| Camp Fire. Injury caused by burning material and hot water or food. | Instructor discusses the potential use of fire and campfire cooking with the responsible adult prior to the session. The maturities of the guests to be judged by Instructor as to whether fires are started at all. Instructor gives full instruction prior to guests lighting fire including ground prep and putting out procedure. All guests must be in close proximity to the instructor who supervises the starting of fires. Fires to be lit using the Fire Striker and tinder method; purpose bought firelighters may be used by an instructor. Guests are warned that drinks and food will be very hot. Guest will not handle the cooking pots. Green wood of a suitable length to be used for toasting sticks. A container of water will be available at the campfire in case of burns or fire. | 3x2 = 6 | | |
| River water. Illness arising from ingesting micro-organisms in the water. | Instructor discusses the potential use of river water with the responsible adult prior to the session. Participants briefed not to drink raw river water. All water to be brought to a rolling boil before making hot drinks. Optionally water may be brought from Centre. | 3x1 = 3 | | |

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| Environmental Impact. Illness or injury caused by uncontrolled fire or debris in activity area. | The rule leave no trace will be applied. Fire to be lit in designated <i>fire pit</i> surrounded by cobbles and away from vegetation to prevent spreading. Fires are very small and controllable. Plenty of water will be available for the Instructor to put out fires. Instructor will perform a visual sweep of the site at the end of each session. | 2x2 = 4 | | |
| Branches and rocks. Injury caused by inappropriate behaviour. | Instructor discusses potential risks with responsible adult prior to session. Instructor briefs participants on risks and correct manual handling techniques. Instructor remains vigilant during the session and when group bush craft constructions are being taken down; shelters and fire pits. | 3x2 = 6 | | |

(Key: 1-7 = Low Risk; 8-15 = Medium Risk; 16-25 = High Risk)

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